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Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Application No. : 09/529,575
Applicant(s) : Francis James Rourke
Filed : April 14, 2000
Title : Protease Inhibitors in Absorbent Articles
TC/A.U. : 3761
Examiner : Catherine L. Anderson
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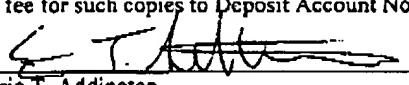
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on December 23, 2003, which set a three-month period for response. Please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.